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The Honorable Phillip J. Philbin 7 fligh Street
Clinton, Massachusetts 01510

My dear Mr. Philbin:

I am taking the occasion of your retirement as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee to thank you for your long-standing interest in and assistance to the Central Intelligence Agency.

We are especially grateful to you for your work as Chairman of the Subcommittee which formulated the Central Intelligence Agency retirement program and for your assistance these last few weeks in gaining approval of the necessary updating amendments to the Retirement Act. These amendments and your floor statements on them will assure the continued effectiveness of our retirement program.

I hope you and your family had a good holiday and wish you the very best in your endeavors in the coming year.

Sincerely.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms Director

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